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1. During his visit in the Russian Zone, Professor Ulrich Noack, from Wurzburg, met the chairman of the Anti-fascist Bloc as well as representatives of the SMA. No representative of the SED took part in these conversations. Captain Tregubov, who recently has frequently lectured at the House of Soviet Culture, had lengthy conversations with Professor Noack and accompanied him to Karlshorst.
2. Professor Noack later described these conversations to Otto Nuschke as follows:
 - a. Noack's plan for the political neutralization of Germany is recognized by the Russians as the most important political idea needed by Germany today.
 - b. The Russians fear that the idea of German unity, as pursued by the political groups in eastern Germany, is no longer practicable. Noack was particularly given to understand that the antagonism in western Germany, caused by the numerous political reversals of the SED, must presumably nullify every reasonable plan for a unification of Germany. For this reason, the Russians are particularly sympathetic to the idea of political neutralization as developed by the Neuheim Circle.
 - c. Noack asked whether this was not contradictory to the policy which is generally pursued at present, i.e. that friendship and sympathy for Russia are the foundations for peace. He was told that this theory served only to increase the dislike of certain strata of the population for Russia, a dislike which was caused by the fact that Russia was identified with an earlier form of Communism.
 - d. On the contrary, Noack was told, nothing could be more favorable to Russia, in the long run, than that Germany should follow a politically neutral course, for such a policy must necessarily lead to a sincere, friendly, and neighborly relationship with Russia. The only reason why Russia promotes the friendship policy in the eastern zone is that her enemies use every weapon against her. A politically neutral Germany would thus be the objective which would best suit over-all Russian policy. Naturally, such a policy would be hard to carry out at present in the Russian Zone since it could be interpreted only as an anti-Russian and pro-Western policy.

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